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## CEREAL STATISTICS

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1961

This Bulletin shows details of the South Australian cereal and hay harvests for the year ended 31st March 1961 as obtained from the annual collection of Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.

SEASONAL Preliminary figures show the average rainfall over agricultural areas for the crop growing period April-November 1960 as 15.64 inches, which is 3.54 inches below the previous record wet season of 19.18 inches in 1916. Average rainfall for the corresponding period in 1959 was 6.28 inches whilst the mean for the 55 years to 1959 is 12.73 inches.

The estimate of the combined wheat, barley, and oats yields for 1960/61, OF AREAS

contained in my "Cereal Harvest Forecast" Bulletin issued in January of this year, was 100,089,000 bushels. Actual yield for these three cereals was 100,106,310 bushels, topping 100,000,000 bushels for the first time ever and exceeding the previous record harvest in 1958/59 by 18,417,431 bushels. The barley yield, which was less than the wheat yield in 1959/60 for the first time since the 1955/56 season, was again exceeded by the wheat yield.

Tables 1 to 4 below show information concerning areas and yields of crops for 1960/61.

TABLE 1 - CROPS: AREAS AND YIELDS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1960/61

| Crop   | Area (a)  | Yield (b)  | Yield per Acre                           |
|--|---|--|--|
|  | Acres   | Bushels  | Bushels                                  |
| Wheat for Grain Barley for Grain Oats for Grain Rye for Grain Field Peas for Grain | 1,969,423<br>1,555,687<br>512,165<br>46,028<br>26,131 | 46,395,600<br>42,233,118<br>11,477,592<br>263,766<br>358,338 | 23.56<br>27.15<br>22.41<br>5.73<br>13.71 |
|  |   | Tons   | Tons                                     |
| Hay (all kinds)  | 392 <b>,</b> 633                                      | 616,255  | 1.57                                     |

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes crops which failed.

<sup>(</sup>b) Excludes weight of bags.

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| and<br>County  | Area   | Yield  | Yield<br>per<br>Acre   | Area  | Yield  | Yield<br>per<br>Acre   | Area   | Yield   | Yield<br>per<br>Acre   | Rainfall (a)   |
|  | Acres  | Bushels  | Bushels  | Acres   | Bushels  | Bushels  | Acres  | Bushels   | Bushels  | Inches   |
| CENTRAL Adelaide Carnarvon Eyre Fergusson Gawler Hindmarsh Light Sturt                               | 4,890<br>1,786<br>41,804<br>61,127<br>93,253<br>3,866<br>53,575<br>49,694  | 126,108<br>43,104<br>807,924<br>1,651,215<br>2,618,454<br>97,332<br>1,406,919<br>1,102,767 | 25.79<br>24.13<br>19.33<br>27.01<br>28.08<br>25.18<br>26.26<br>22.19 | 18,435<br>8,219<br>8,665<br>258,053<br>83,949<br>15,165<br>35,024<br>38,266 | 609,301<br>141,428<br>222,479<br>7,985,108<br>2,828,438<br>475,456<br>981,313<br>972,701 | 33.05<br>17.21<br>25.68<br>30.94<br>33.69<br>31.35<br>28.02<br>25.42 | 3,956<br>6,382<br>8,733<br>14,580<br>18,741<br>6,223<br>15,317 | 98,951<br>125,404<br>221,341<br>353,203<br>507,265<br>167,519<br>368,134<br>242,028 | 25.01<br>19.65<br>25.35<br>24.23<br>27.07<br>26.92<br>24.03<br>23.60 | 21.47<br>17.38<br>16.07<br>15.06<br>16.44<br>18.05<br>20.37<br>16.39 |
| LOWER NORTH Burra Daly Kimberley Stanley Victoria  | 20,448<br>202,221<br>1,851<br>150,869<br>126,465   | 518,862<br>5,686,581<br>39,237<br>4,513,119<br>3,712,053                                   | 25.37<br>28.12<br>21.20<br>29.91<br>29.35                            | 5,285<br>144,234<br>132<br>67,746<br>74,060                                 | 133,896<br>5,113,079<br>3,162<br>2,141,250<br>2,229,222                                  | 25.34<br>35.45<br>23.95<br>31.61<br>30.10                            | 5,376<br>43,837<br>770<br>30,472<br>24,368                     | 146,170<br>1,272,441<br>19,734<br>866,534<br>709,457                                | 27.19<br>29.03<br>25.63<br>28.44<br>29.11                            | 19.14<br>14.39<br>(b)<br>19.78<br>19.46                              |
| UPPER NORTH Blachford Dalhousie Derby and Lytton Frome Granville Hanson ) Herbert) Newcastle Taunton | 390<br>41,666<br>-<br>81,122<br>-<br>284<br>6,658  | 3,714<br>1,138,548<br>2,166,291<br>1,005<br>154,614  | 9.52<br>27.33<br>-<br>26.70<br>-<br>3.54<br>23.22                    | 30<br>12,738<br>-<br>19,308<br>-<br>64<br>31                                | 465<br>324,692<br>-<br>531,434<br>-<br>1,829<br>890                                      | 15.50<br>25.49<br>27.52<br>28.58<br>28.71                            | 66<br>8,597<br>10,109<br>-<br>323<br>763                       | 945<br>242,206<br>-<br>259,501<br>-<br>9,998<br>17,415                              | 14.32<br>28.17<br>25.67<br>30.95<br>22.82                            | (b)<br>16.97<br>(b)<br>18.62<br>(b)<br>(b)                           |
| SOUTH EASTERN Buckingham Cardwell Grey MacDonnell Robe   | 25,993<br>1,346<br>1,417<br>6,076<br>3,105   | 688,101<br>19,122<br>41,073<br>110,775<br>68,322   | 26.47<br>14.21<br>28.99<br>18.23<br>22.00                            | 21,794<br>17,701<br>2,944<br>5,791<br>2,534                                 | 400,047<br>258,637<br>81,918<br>99,303<br>40,547   | 18.36<br>14.61<br>27.83<br>17.15<br>16.00                            | 27,237<br>3,141<br>1,325<br>7,009<br>6,412                     | 689,190<br>56,171<br>38,620<br>136,807<br>152,782                                   | 25.30<br>17.88<br>29.15<br>19.52<br>23.83                            | (b) 19.65 18.48 26.56 22.16 23.42                                    |

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TABLE 2 - WHEAT, BARLEY, AND OATS: AREA AND YIELD, COUNTIES AND DIVISIONS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1960/61 (continued)

|  |   | Tilboot   |  | T   |  |  |   |  |  | in the state of th |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Division   |   | Wheat   | V2 - 3 2   |   | Barley   | 1 774 7 7  |   | Oats   |  | Rainfall   |
| and<br>County  | Area  | Yield   | Yield<br>per<br>Acre                                       | Area  | Yield  | Yield<br>per<br>Acre                               | Area  | Yield  | Yield<br>per<br>Acre                               | (a)  |
| WESTERN  | Acres   | Bushels   | Bushels  | Acres   | Bushels  | Bushels  | Acres   | Bushels  | Bushels  | Inches   |
| Bosanquet Buxton Dufferin Flinders Hopetoun Hore Ruthven Jervois                               | 3,360<br>81,691<br>30,970<br>58,596<br>3,227                      | 74,196<br>1,828,944<br>617,559<br>1,535,640<br>51,798<br>-<br>4,598,394       | 22.08<br>22.39<br>19.94<br>26.21<br>16.05                  | 871<br>21,438<br>2,408<br>82,226<br>1,188                     | 21,061<br>522,681<br>58,635<br>2,310,183<br>28,886<br>-<br>2,389,034                     | 24.18<br>24.38<br>24.35<br>28.10<br>24.31          | 798<br>17,345<br>13,635<br>23,637<br>734<br>                | 14,900<br>352,978<br>238,690<br>540,143<br>10,679                      | 18.67<br>20.35<br>17.51<br>22.85<br>14.55          | (b)<br>13.82<br>13.62<br>15.69<br>(b)<br>(b)   |
| Kintore<br>Le Hunte<br>Manchester<br>Musgrave  | 12,704<br>85,195<br>-<br>46,225                                   | 247,014<br>1,766,664<br>1,045,896   | 19.44<br>20.74<br>-<br>22.63                               | 367<br>23,763<br>52,196                                       | 9,272<br>530,207<br>-<br>1,526,993   | 25.26<br>22.31<br>-<br>29.25                       | 5,667<br>25,129<br>-<br>12,048                              | 107,411<br>437,782<br>-<br>263,297                                     | 18.95<br>17.42<br>-<br>21.85                       | 13.88<br>13.12<br>(b)  |
| Robinson Way ) York)   | 81,054<br>56,823  | 1,866,123   | 23.02  | 37,384<br>2,577   | 1,077,920  | 28.83<br>25.52                                     | 26,267  | 553,464<br>453,615   | 21.07  | 14.23<br>13.08   |
| MURRAY MALLEE Albert Alfred Buccleuch Chandos Hamley Russell Young                             | 92,560<br>102,393<br>25,593<br>72,006<br>2,745<br>11,055<br>3,064 | 1,233,975<br>1,432,737<br>444,909<br>1,544,391<br>19,221<br>159,051<br>40,215 | 13.33<br>13.99<br>17.38<br>21.45<br>7.00<br>14.39<br>13.13 | 47,187<br>48,015<br>170,766<br>88,093<br>217<br>38,429<br>631 | 875,897<br>770,385<br>3,557,231<br>2,108,958<br>1,851<br>790,988<br>9,067                | 18.56<br>16.04<br>20.83<br>23.94<br>8.53<br>20.58  | 11,489<br>13,080<br>23,596<br>8,812<br>192<br>10,541<br>829 | 173,069<br>166,702<br>311,889<br>147,087<br>1,947<br>131,329<br>12,968 | 15.06<br>12.74<br>13.22<br>16.69<br>10.14<br>12.46 | 9.88<br>9.87<br>14.18<br>11.97<br>(b)<br>12.95<br>(b)  |
| DIVISIONS Central Lower North Upper North South Eastern Western Murray Mallee Outside Counties | 309,995<br>501,854<br>130,120<br>37,937<br>680,101<br>309,416     | 7,853,823<br>14,469,852<br>3,464,172<br>927,393<br>14,805,861<br>4,874,499    | 25.34<br>28.83<br>26.62<br>24.45<br>21.77<br>15.75         | 465,776<br>291,457<br>32,171<br>50,764<br>322,181<br>393,338  | 14,216,224<br>9,620,609<br>859,310<br>880,452<br>8,542,146<br>8,114,377<br>tern Division | 30.52<br>33.01<br>26.71<br>17.34<br>26.51<br>20.63 | 84,186<br>104,823<br>19,858<br>45,124<br>189,635<br>68,539  | 2,083,845<br>3,014,336<br>530,065<br>1,073,570<br>3,830,785<br>944,991 | 24.75<br>28.76<br>26.69<br>23.79<br>20.20<br>13.79 | 17.08<br>17.24<br>18.09<br>21.93<br>14.06<br>11.89   |
| WHOLE STATE  | 1,969,423   | 46,395,600  | 23.56  | 1,555,687   | 42,233,118   | 27.15  | 512,165   | 11,477,592   | 22.41  | 15.64  |

<sup>(</sup>a) Rainfall over agricultural areas during the crop-growing period April-November 1960. The figure for each county is obtained by averaging recorded rainfall at selected stations in crop-growing areas; the figure for each division is an average of the results so obtained for each county in the division weighted by area under crop. All figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

(b) Not regarded as a crop-growing county.

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TABLE 3 - RYE AND FIELD PEAS: AREA AND YIELD, DIVISIONS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1960-61

|   | ]  | Rye  |  | Field Peas                                 |  |   |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| Division  | Area   | Yield  | Yield<br>Per<br>Acre                         | Area                                       | Yield  | Yield<br>Per<br>Aore                            |
|   | Acres  | Bushels  | Bushels                                      | Acres                                      | Bushels  | Bushels   |
| Central Lower North Upper North South Eastern Western Murray Mallee | 814<br>1,163<br>38<br>281<br>1,198<br>42,534 | 5,214<br>9,870<br>378<br>1,281<br>5,211<br>241,812 | 6.41<br>8.49<br>9.95<br>4.56<br>4.35<br>5.69 | 16,344<br>8,362<br>236<br>601<br>497<br>91 | 225,491<br>121,337<br>1,530<br>4,002<br>5,338<br>640 | 13.80<br>14.51<br>6.48<br>6.66<br>10.74<br>7.03 |
| Whole State   | 46,028                                       | 263,766  | 5•73   | 26,131                                     | 358 <b>,</b> 3 <b>3</b> 8                            | 13.71   |

TABLE 4 - HAY: AREA AND YIELD, DIVISIONS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1960-61

|   | Hay(All Kinds)  |   |                                      |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Division  | Area  | Yield   | Yield<br>Per<br>Acre                 |  |  |  |
|   | Acres   | Tons  | Tons                                 |  |  |  |
| Central Lower North Upper North South Eastern Western Murray Mallee | 145,997<br>80,107<br>19,068<br>68,145<br>35,272<br>44,044 | 231,972<br>130,360<br>30,406<br>113,536<br>52,798<br>57,183 | 1.59<br>1.63<br>1.59<br>1.67<br>1.50 |  |  |  |
| Whole State   | 392,633   | 616,255   | 1.57                                 |  |  |  |

The 1960-61 yields per acre compare favourably with those for other years in which there was good rainfall during the crop growing period.

Yield per acre comparisons for selected years when rainfall during the crop growing period was very high are shown below.

TABLE 5 - CEREAL YIELDS: SELECTED HIGH RAINFALL YEARS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

|  | Average<br>Rainfall                 | Average Yield per Acre           |                                  |                                  |                                      |  |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Season                                   | AprNov.                             | Wheat                            | Barley                           | Oats                             | Hay<br>(all kinds)                   |  |  |
| 1916/17<br>1923/24                       | Inches<br>19.18<br>16.76            | Bushels<br>16.46<br>14.29        | Bushels<br>16.74<br>17.65        | Bushels<br>12.13<br>12.24        | Tons                                 |  |  |
| 1941/42<br>1951/52<br>1956/57<br>1960/61 | 16.51<br>16.94<br>18.18<br>15.64(b) | 13.12<br>16.92<br>21.85<br>23.56 | 24.49<br>20.23<br>27.83<br>27.15 | 13.04<br>13.87<br>19.47<br>22.41 | 1.24<br>1.34<br>1.48<br>1.52<br>1.57 |  |  |

<sup>(</sup>a) Rainfall over agricultural areas. (b) Preliminary.

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| 13.80<br>14.51<br>6.43<br>7.66<br>7.77                                  | 225,417  | 8.4.4. 1<br>8.48.4.<br>8.66. 1<br>8.60.4.<br>8.44.  | - a                             |     |       |  |
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| enteres and enteres and experience to the enteres of the enteres o | 7                          |                          | 22.02<br>88.70<br>81.75 | 104.00<br>21485<br>23456   | 1941/42<br>1951/52<br>1955/57<br>1960/61 |

AREAS SOWN
The following table shows acreages sown for all purposes (grain, hay, and green fodder) for the seasons 1957/58 to 1960/61 together with farpurposes

mers' estimates of areas which they intended sowing for the current 1961/62 season. The maximum area sown to wheat was 4,507,213 acres in 1930/31, when only 267,369 acres were under barley. From then until 1958/59 a general upward trend in barley acreages was matched by a decline in those for wheat, but in 1959/60 the trend reversed. For the 1930/31 season the acreage under barley was 5.9 per cent of that under wheat; in 1958/59 it was 93.6 per cent, but it decreased in 1959/60 to 82.6 per cent and again in 1960/61 to 78.4 per cent. In the autumn of 1961 the intended sowing of barley for the 1961/62 season was only 64.8 per cent of the intended sowing of wheat.

TABLE 6 - AREAS SOWN FOR ALL PURPOSES: SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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| Crop                             | 1957/58   | 1958/59   | 1959/60   | 1960/61   | 1961/62(a) |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Wheat Barley Oats Rye Field Peas | 1,411,406 | 1,459,859 | 1,605,420 | 2,027,008 | 2,260,727  |
|                                  | 1,271,434 | 1,367,059 | 1,325,689 | 1,588,418 | 1,464,224  |
|                                  | 874,908   | 845,052   | 813,426   | 907,250   | 954,377    |
|                                  | 45,827    | 65,371    | 44,726    | 58,665    | (b)        |
|                                  | 44,304    | 36,880    | 30,331    | 29,828    | 32,305     |

(a) Acreage for 1961/62 is that intended to be sown when details were collected in the autumn.

(b) Not available.

The 1960/61 wheat harvest of 46,395,600 bushels averaged 23.56 bushels per acre, exceeding the previous record average yield of 22.76 bushels per acre from a harvest of 32,032,232 bushels in 1958/59. Production recorded for 1960/61 was exceeded in only one previous year, 1931/32, when 48,093,102 bushels were produced at an average yield of 11.81 bushels per acre.

Areas, yields, and yields per acre, relating to South Australian wheat production for the years 1956/57 to 1960/61 are shown below.

TABLE 7 - WHEAT: AREA AND PRODUCTION, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

| Particulars                            | Unit   | 1956/57    | 1957/58    | 1958/59    | 1959/60    | 1960/61    |
|--|--------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total Area Grain Area Yield Yield/Acre | Acre   | 1,480,676  | 1,411,406  | 1,459,859  | 1,605,420  | 2,027,008  |
|  | Acre   | 1,438,289  | 1,331,302  | 1,407,413  | 1,549,499  | 1,969,423  |
|  | Bushel | 31,431,547 | 14,913,988 | 32,032,232 | 11,928,966 | 46,395,600 |
|  | Bushel | 21.85      | 11.20      | 22.76      | 7.70       | 23.56      |

Of the 1,969,423 acres sown to wheat for grain during the 1960/61 season 632,666 acres were on fallowed land yielding 15,773,508 bushels and averaging 24.93 bushels per acre. The remaining 1,336,757 acres not on fallowed land yielded 30,622,092 bushels at an average of 22.91 bushels per acre.

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TABLE 8 - WHEAT: VARIETIES SOWN, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

|                      |           | Area<br>(acres) | agan agitharr-anns reconstancing and of the fill of the common and the fill of | Propor  | Proportion of Total Area (per cent) |         |  |  |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|--|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|--|--|
| Variety              | 1958/59   | 1959/60         | 1960/61  | 1958/59 | 1959/60                             | 1960/61 |  |  |
| Bencubbin (a)        | 65,172    | 51,403          | 58,891   | 4.46    | 3.20                                | 2.91    |  |  |
| Bungulla             | 5,188     | 2,936           | 4,272  | 0.35    | 0.18                                | 0.21    |  |  |
| Claymore             | 69,401    | 100,576         | 113,966  | 4.75    | 6.26                                | 5.62    |  |  |
| Dirk (a)             | 243,239   | 252,509         | 295,831  | 16.66   | 15.73                               | 14.59   |  |  |
| Dundee (a)           | 14,094    | 4,723           | 5,066  | 0.96    | 0.29                                | 0.25    |  |  |
| Festival             | 2,725     | 3,401           | 4,873  | 0.19    | 0.21                                | 0.24    |  |  |
| Gabo                 | 337,344   | 353,485         | 423,239  | 23.11   | 22.02                               | 20.88   |  |  |
| Insignia (a)         | 260,522   | 354,567         | 472,510  | 17.84   | 22.09                               | 23.31   |  |  |
| Javelin (a)          | 48,154    | 45,096          | 48,054   | 3.30    | 2.81                                | 2.37    |  |  |
| Kendee               | 6,891     | 5,004           | 4,365  | 0.47    | 0.31                                | 0.22    |  |  |
| Marathon             | 4,891     | 4,370           | 4,488  | 0.34    | 0.27                                | 0.22    |  |  |
| Modesty              | 2,479     | 3,662           | 7,293  | 0.17    | 0.23                                | 0.36    |  |  |
| Olympic              | 835       | 3,919           | 6,518  | 0.06    | 0.24                                | 0.32    |  |  |
| Pinnacle             | 24,078    | 34,584          | 44,861   | 1.65    | 2.15                                | 2.21    |  |  |
| Quadrat              | 14,540    | 11,811          | 17,932   | 1.00    | 0.74                                | 0.88    |  |  |
| Rapier (a)           | 19,837    | 19,414          | 20,851   | 1.36    | 1.21                                | 1.03    |  |  |
| Reldep               | 8,002     | 5,523           | 7,722  | 0.55    | 0.35                                | 0.38    |  |  |
| Sabre                | 157,137   | 170,775         | 243,107  | 10.76   | 10.64                               | 11.99   |  |  |
| Scimitar (a)         | 61,687    | 48,315          | 56,673   | 4.23    | 3.01                                | 2.80    |  |  |
| Sword                | 6,533     | 6,314           | 6,443  | 0.45    | 0.39                                | 0.32    |  |  |
| Waratah              | 3,881     | 2,259           | 2,979  | 0.27    | 0.14                                | 0.15    |  |  |
| Warigo               | 4,406     | 4,085           | 6,102  | 0.30    | 0.26                                | 0.30    |  |  |
| Wongoondy            | 21,551    | 44,352          | 73,915   | 1.48    | 2.76                                | 3.65    |  |  |
| Yande                | 13,606    | 11,339          | 11,763   | 0.93    | 0.71                                | 0.58    |  |  |
| Other (incl.unspec.) | 63,666    | 60,998          | 85,294   | 4.36    | 3.80                                | 4.21    |  |  |
| Total Wheat          | 1,459,859 | 1,605,420       | 2,027,008  | 100.00  | 100.00                              | 100.00  |  |  |

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes back cross.

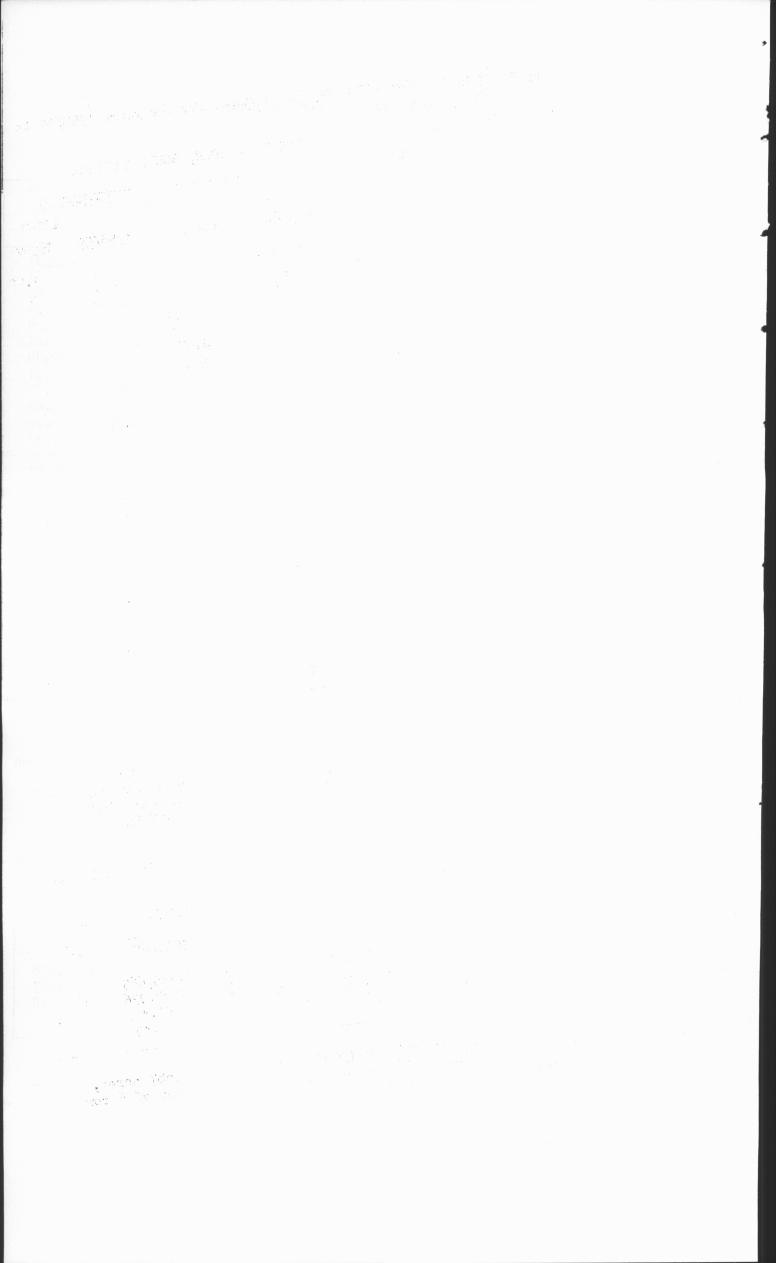
The barley yield for 1960/61 of 42,233,118 bushels exceeded the previous record of 37,664,492 bushels in 1958/59 by 4,568,626 bushels. The average yield per acre increased from 9.19 bushels in 1959/60 to 27.15 bushels per acre in 1960/61, the highest average yield being 28.27 bushels per acre obtained in 1958/59.

The following table shows details relating to South Australian barley production for the years 1956/57 to 1960/61.

TABLE 9 - BARLEY: AREA & PRODUCTION, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

| Particulars | Unit   | 1956/57    | 1957/58    | 1958/59    | 1959/60    | 1960/61    |
|-------------|--------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total Area  | Acre   | 1,248,648  | 1,271,434  | 1,367,059  | 1,325,689  | 1,588,418  |
| Grain Area  | Acre   | 1,221,737  | 1,211,762  | 1,332,473  | 1,289,936  | 1,555,687  |
| Yield       | Bushel | 34,002,876 | 17,551,669 | 37,664,492 | 11,857,192 | 42,233,118 |
| Yield/Acre  | Bushel | 27.83      | 14,48      | 28,27      | 9.19       | 27.15      |

The area of barley sown for grain in 1960/61 totalled 1,555,687 acres, 1,471,644 acres of 2 row yielding 40,162,676 bushels and 84,043 acres of 6 row yielding 2,070,442 bushels.



The varieties of barley sown for all purposes for the years 1958/59 to 1960/61 are shown below.

TABLE 10 - BARLEY: VARIETIES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

| Variety   | And a street of the street of | Area<br>(acres)                                  |  | Proportion of Total Area (per cent)    |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
|   | 1958/59   | 1959/60  | 1960/61  | 1958/59                                | 1959/60                                | 1960/61                                |
| 2 Row - Maltworthy Prior Research Other 2 Row 6 Row - All Kinds | 239,163<br>959,624<br>18,949<br>67,618<br>81,705  | 229,540<br>945,848<br>18,055<br>64,691<br>67,555 | 271,350<br>1,110,796<br>26,387<br>81,331<br>98,554 | 17.49<br>70.19<br>1.39<br>4.95<br>5.98 | 17.31<br>71.35<br>1.36<br>4.88<br>5.10 | 17.08<br>69.93<br>1.66<br>5.12<br>6.21 |
| Total Barley  | 1,367,059   | 1,325,689  | 1,588,418  | 100.00                                 | 100.00                                 | 100.00                                 |

OATS

The oats yield of 11,477,592 bushels for 1960/61 was 8,973,095 bushels greater than that for 1959/60 and the second highest on record; record production in South Australia was 11,992,515 bushels in 1958/59.

Average yield per acre was 22.41 bushels compared with 4.95 bushels in 1959/60 and 24.93 bushels in 1958/59.

Details of oats production in South Australia for the years 1956/57 to 1960/61 are shown below.

TABLE 11 - OATS: AREA & PRODUCTION, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

| Particulars | Unit   | 1956/57   | 1957/58   | 1958/59    | 1959/60   | 1960/61    |
|-------------|--------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Total Area  | Acre   | 843,481   | 874,908   | 845,052    | 813,426   | 907,250    |
| Grain Area  | Acre   | 427,192   | 427,366   | 481,076    | 505,499   | 512,165    |
| Yield       | Bushel | 8,314,296 | 3,422,525 | 11,992,155 | 2,504,497 | 11,477,592 |
| Yield/Acre  | Bushel | 19.47     | 8.01      | 24.93      | 4.95      | 22.41      |

Varieties of oats sown for all purposes for the seasons 1958/59 to 1960/61 are as follows:-

TABLE 12 - OATS: VARIETIES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

| Variety               | Area    |         |         | Proportion of Total Area |            |         |  |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------|------------|---------|--|
| variety               | (acres) |         |         | 1050/50                  | (per cent) |         |  |
|                       | 1958/59 | 1959/60 | 1960/61 | 1958/59                  | 1959/60    | 1960/61 |  |
| Algerian              | 80,914  | 69,718  | 64,399  | 9.58                     | 8.57       | 7.10    |  |
| Ballidu               | 48,851  | 48,669  | 54,179  | 5.78                     | 5.98       | 5.97    |  |
| Belar                 | 13,977  | 9,238   | 10,699  | 1.65                     | 1.14       | 1.18    |  |
| Dale                  | 14,250  | 12,547  | 12,292  | 1.69                     | 1.54       | 1.35    |  |
| Fulghum               | 93,893  | 82,433  | 84,526  | 11.11                    | 10.13      | 9.32    |  |
| Guyra                 | 6,014   | 2,977   | 2,815   | 0.71                     | 0.37       | 0.31    |  |
| Kherson (inc. Early)  | 281,302 | 267,736 | 322,002 | 33.29                    | 32.91      | 35.49   |  |
| Mulga                 | 16,239  | 10,787  | 13,235  | 1.92                     | 1.33       | 1.46    |  |
| New Zealand Cape      | 88,149  | 79,606  | 71,465  | 10.43                    | 9.79       | 7.88    |  |
| Orient                | 139,287 | 139,454 | 157,105 | 16.48                    | 17.14      | 17.32   |  |
| Other (incl. unspec.) | 62,176  | 90,261  | 114,533 | 7.36                     | 11.10      | 12.62   |  |
| Total Oats            | 845,052 | 813,426 | 907,250 | 100.00                   | 100.00     | 100.00  |  |
|                       |         |         |         |                          |            |         |  |

During 1960/61 the area of rye sown for all purposes was 58,665 acres.

The 46,028 acres sown for grain yielded 263,766 bushels, an increase of 138,561 bushels on the 1959/60 total. The average yield per acre for the 1960/61 season was 5.73 bushels compared with 3.35 bushels in 1959/60.

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FIELD PEAS From 26,131 acres planted for grain in the 1960/61 season 358,338 bushels were reaped, an average of 13.71 bushels per acre. In the 1959/60 season 58,449 bushels were obtained from 26,907 acres. In the autumn, farmers indicated that they intended sowing 32,305 acres

in 1961/62.

Of the 29,828 acres sown in 1960/61 for all purposes 5,185 acres were sown to Collegian, 17,112 acres to Dun, 5,275 acres to White Brunswick, and 2,256 acres to other varieties.

The yield of hay (all kinds) in 1960/61 was 616,255 tons from 392,633 acres compared with 206,413 tons from 245,299 acres in 1959/60 and 671,527 tons from 419,566 acres in 1958/59. The greatest amount produced was 1,100,217 tons in 1915/16 obtained from a record area of 709,813 acres.

A summary of areas and production of hay for the years 1956/57 to 1960/61 is shown below.

TABLE 13 - HAY: AREA AND PRODUCTION, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

| Particulars  | 1956/57            | 1957/58            | 1958/59           | 1959/60           | 1960/61           |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | Acres              | Acres              | Acres             | Acres             | Acres             |
| Area<br>Wheaten  | 26,640             |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Oaten  | 36,618<br>107,725  | 71,517             | 50,283<br>162,762 | 52,076<br>118,149 | 51,649<br>152,750 |
| Other<br>All Kinds   | 154,451<br>298,794 | 118,864<br>290,926 | 206,521           | 75,074            | 188,234           |
|  |                    | 290,920            | 419,566           | 245,299           | 392,633           |
|  | Tons               | Tons               | Tons              | Tons              | Tons              |
| Yield  | (0.0               |                    | The Passacrate di |                   |                   |
| Wheaten<br>Oaten   | 60,914             | 72,092<br>89,793   | 85,343<br>273,279 | 43,082<br>74,710  | 88,058<br>243,188 |
| Other<br>All Kinds   | 231,836            | 142,209            | 312,905           | 88,621            | 285,009           |
| 1  | 453,270            | 304,094            | 671,527           | 206,413           | 616,255           |
| Yield per Acre Wheaten   | 1.66               | 1.01               | 4 70              | . 0.00            |                   |
| Oaten  | 1.49               | 0.89               | 1.70<br>1.68      | 0.83<br>0.63      | 1.70<br>1.59      |
| Other<br>All Kinds   | 1.50<br>1.52       | 1.20<br>1.05       | 1.52<br>1.60      | 1.18<br>0.84      | 1.51<br>1.57      |
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CEREALS
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During 1960/61 more wheat and barley but less oats and hay was used on farms for feed purposes than in 1959/60.

The following table shows details of cereals and hay used on farms for seed and feed purposes during the years 1959/60 and 1960/61.

TABLE 14 - CEREALS USED ON FARMS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

| Particulars           | Unit         | 1959/60                           |  | 1960/61                             |  |  |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
|                       |              | Seed                              | Feed   | Seed                                | Feed   |  |
| Wheat Barley Oats Hay | Bushel " Ton | 1,827,804<br>1,623,021<br>969,105 | 900,306<br>2,040,487<br>3,458,932<br>357,559 | 2,282,844<br>1,866,372<br>1,085,551 | 1,008,069<br>2,288,280<br>3,096,980<br>306,713 |  |

Farmers have reported that 2,304,072 bushels of wheat were retained on farms for 1961 seeding and that 928,089 bushels were being kept for feed purposes.

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